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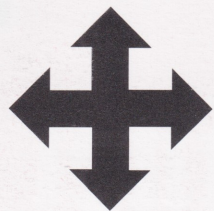
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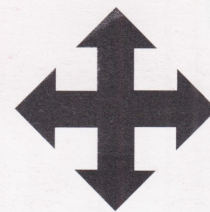
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Unity is Strength

We are hearing disturbing rumours of a potential split in the rejuvenised National Front. Some members of the old guard which has struggled to keep the NF in existence over the past few years seem not to be happy with some decisions made by newer members. As a matter of policy, the League of St George does not comment on other nationalist groups internal matters, but we do appeal for both sides to thrash out their differences for the sake of our race and nation. The National Front is not just part of nationalist history, but an integral part of its future.

Unity is Strength!

First they came for the nationalists ...

A devoutly Christian couple who ran a hotel in Liverpool found themselves in court recently when they were accused of hate crimes by allegedly abusing a Muslim guest. Christian supporters raised thousands of pounds to fund their defence and when the couple were found not guilty a spokesman for the Christian Institute complained that Christians right to free speech was being "gagged". But where was the Christian Institute when nationalists were being dragged through the courts for exercising their right of free speech? To para-phrase Pastor Niemoller, *"First they came for the nationalists, and I did not speak out ..."*

A New start?

As a New Year begins, Britain continues to decline. Massively in debt through inadequate financial policies, and costly wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the ruling Labour government continue to waste money as though on a mission. As Britons continue to have their homes repossessed, and multi-national companies move British jobs abroad, our Prime Minister announces that he is giving £1.5 billion of British taxpayers money to bribe Third World countries into signing a climate change deal. Roll-on the General Election and let us rid ourselves of these maniacs.

The Editor



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As new facts emerge from the Chilcot Inquiry, we ask ...

WILL BLAIR FACE WAR CRIMES CHARGES ?

As more and more damning evidence is submitted to the Chilcot inquiry hope is mounting that the former British Prime Minister Tony Blair will be indicted for War Crimes!

Although the parameters of the inquiry are clear, *"this inquiry is not a court and no one is on trial"*, it does not exclude evidence given to the inquiry being used in a criminal trial!

In April 2002, 11 months before the invasion of Iraq, Blair told parliament "Saddam Hussein is developing weapons of mass destruction and we cannot leave him unchecked".

In September 2002, Blair claimed that the Intelligence services concluded that "Iraq now has chemical and biological weapons and has plans for their use. They could be activated in 45 minutes and could reach British targets".

In February 2003 Blair stated to parliament that "Saddam Hussein could stay in power if he gave up his weapons of mass destruction."

So these, and other misleading statements by Blair about a very real threat to Britain by Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction were the justification for Britain joining the invasion of Iraq, killing 100,000 Iraqi civilians and sacrificing the lives of almost 180 British service personnel!

An illegal war?

To invade a country with the sole purpose of bringing about a change of regime is illegal under International Law. Secondly, no country should go to war unless it is the "action of last resort" and "its actions are proportional to the threat"! In fact Blair told parliament just days before the invasion that "regime change would never be the reason for going to war".

Liar!

The truth begins to emerge ..

As the Chilcot inquiry began, **some** of the truth began to emerge.

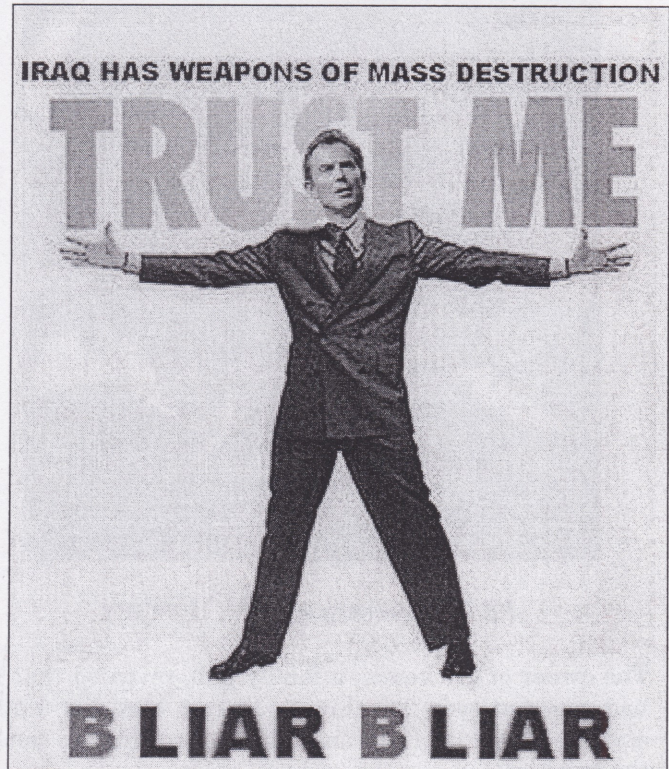
The former British ambassador to the US, Sir Christopher Meyer claimed that Blair and US President Bush *had signed a secret deal to topple*

Saddam Hussein almost a year before Iraq was invaded!

Sir William Ehrman, former Director of Defence and Intelligence at the Foreign Office told the inquiry that *"ten days before the invasion British intelligence reported that Iraq had "disassembled what chemical weapons it had".*

There was no threat to Britain!

Finally, in a BBC interview just a few weeks ago Blair conceded that he would still have invaded Iraq even if he knew there were no WMDs ... *"I would have still thought it right to remove him (Saddam Hussein)"*



In the light of this new evidence we call upon the International Court of Justice in the Hague to issue an international arrest warrant and prosecute Blair for mounting an illegal war.

Justice will not be done, nor Britain's honour restored, until Blair faces justice in the Courts!



NEWS AROUND BRITAIN

Hungarian Nationalists Seek a Foothold in Britain

London

The Hungarian nationalist party, Jobbik (*Movement for a Better Hungary*) have launched a campaign to establish themselves in the Hungarian community living in Britain. The new group, *Jobbik Friends of Hungary (UK)* was formerly launched in November, and held its first open meeting in London's Kentish Town area in early December. A small group of extreme-left demonstrators, some waving the flag of the RMT trade union, gathered outside the venue but a determined police presence ensured that the meeting went ahead unhindered.



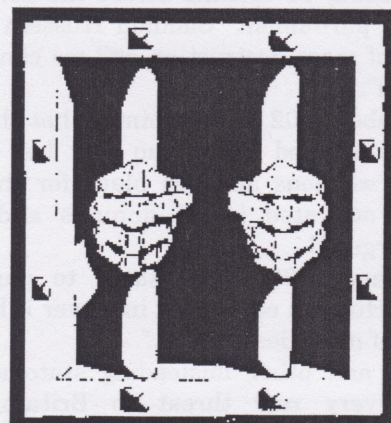
Jobbik. Seeking a better Hungary

The owner of the venue, a family pub, revealed that he had received over 200 threats against him, his family and the venue itself, in an effort to force him to cancel the meeting.

Around 60 people attended the meeting which was addressed by Zoltan Fuzessy, a *Jobbik* MEP, and Tamas Feher, head of the *British Jobbik Association*. Mr Feher can be contacted by email at tamas.feher@jobbik.com

A collection from the audience raised £260 which was presented to the venue owner as a token of thanks for his brave decision not to bow to threats. This was promptly donated by him to the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children!

Remember Our Martyrs of Free Speech



As we gather with our friends and family at this time of year please spend a few minutes to remind those imprisoned for fighting for our cause that we have not forgotten them. Please send cards and non-political messages of support to the "Heretical Two".

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NEWS AROUND BRITAIN



London

Hundreds Join NF March to Cenotaph



Hundreds of National Front members and supporters attended the annual March of Remembrance to the Cenotaph in London's Whitehall. The march was headed by the NF's Flag Corps carrying the flags of Scotland, Ulster, Wales and the Union Flag. Another large group of supporters gathered early in Whitehall to support the event and to prevent threatened disruption by members of the extreme-left. Following the march and wreath laying ceremony many of the marchers went on to attend a brief rally.

Threats to remove the NF's wreath were made, but following concerns made to the police, the NF were assured that the area was heavily monitored by CCTV cameras and any attempts to remove the wreaths would result in police action!

Manchester

Large stickers with the message, "Love Your Race" have startled locals in the Cheetham Hill area of Manchester because they are printed in **Polish!**

The stickers actually say "*Miluj Swoja Rase*" and have been widely distributed near to Polish owned shops and businesses.

The stickers appeared to have been produced by the National Alliance organisation in the USA.

Coventry

Theatre Owners Upset Jolson Fans

The owners of Coventry's Belgrade theatre upset fans of the late Al Jolson when they banned a tribute act from "blacking-up" to perform several of Jolson's "Kentucky minstrel" songs. Jolson, (pictured right) who died in 1950, always changed into his role as a black-faced Kentucky minstrel for part of his act and was welcomed throughout the Western world. The tribute artist, Clive Baldwin said he was astonished at the theatre's decision as it was the only one out of fourteen UK venues that had banned the traditional "blacking-up". The theatre owners defended their decision saying "blacking-up was inappropriate in a modern multicultural society".



Nottingham

Eleven Arrested as English Defence League Protest in Nottingham

Mounted police and dog-handlers were called into action as 500 members of the *English Defence League* marched through the ancient city of Nottingham. EDL had come to Nottingham to greet soldiers from the 2nd Battalion The Mercian Regiment who were returning from a six-month tour of duty in Afghanistan where they had five members of the regiment killed by enemy action. There were brief clashes between EDL members and Asian students who were provocatively waving the Pakistani flag, and police were also deployed to a counter demonstration held nearby by the extreme-left group, *Unite Against Fascism*.

One police officer needed hospital treatment after the clashes and eleven people were arrested for public order offences.



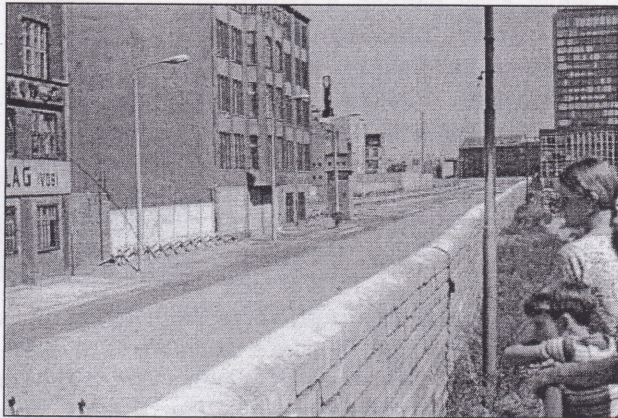
SIXTY-ONE YEARS ON ...

Has German re-unification advanced the cause of *EUROPE a NATION?*



In May 1948, Mosley wrote in *Action* magazine, "*The Unity of Germany and full restoration of all her lands and peoples is the first necessity of European Union*".

Now, as Europe commemorates the twentieth anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the re-unification of the German people, we ask .. Are we any nearer to achieving *Europe a Nation*?



The Berlin Wall, dividing the German people

The short, honest answer is no! The wall, built in 1961 by the Communists, to stop East Germans fleeing to the West was finally destroyed by "people power" in November 1989. A year later on the 12th of September 1990, the four occupying powers renounced their rights granted under the terms of surrender in 1945, and Germany regained full sovereignty. A few weeks later German reunification was formalised and five German states previously ruled by the Soviet Communists rejoined the *Fatherland*.

With this vital piece of the jigsaw in place could we now see the beginning of the building of *Europe a Nation*? Sadly no!

The new Germany was not the proud, vibrant nation it had once been. It is now merely a feeble Federal State determined to expand its version of the EU well beyond the boundaries laid down by Mosley and other National Europeans at the Venice Conference of 1962. True, Europe has changed since the Venice Conference, with the scourge of Communism being swept from mainland Europe and major countries such as Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia no longer being under Soviet occupation. New countries have emerged from behind

the Iron Curtain but many are still seeking to establish their own national identity. This new expanded EU is dominated not by nationalists, but by socialists seeking to create an International super-State, trampling over race, culture and identity. For the new, *free* Germans, desperately seeking a strong national identity denied them by Soviet domination; found that their *Fatherland* had become a multi-cultural melting pot with 6% of the population being ethnic Turks, and a government infected by liberals with a mission to eradicate German culture and identity. The *Volk* state had become a multi-racial, multicultural entity with no *soul*!

Thus it comes as no surprise that young Germans from the former East, have turned in their tens of thousands to German nationalist parties.

Therefore Germany cannot join the battle for *Europe a Nation* until it is comfortable with its own identity!



Young Germans are turning to nationalist parties

Europe a Nation will only be build by the will of the people, guided by politicians. Whether or not the route to *Europe a Nation* will be through a coalition of nationalist parties in power, or through a yet unborn *National Party of Europe* remains to be seen



Nick Griffin and *THAT* Programme



When the BBC announced that they had invited BNP Chairman Nick Griffin to appear as a panel member on its prestigious Question Time programme, such was the uproar that I personally thought the invitation would be withdrawn. Extreme-left politicians such as Peter Hain and Ken Livingstone announced that they would not have been willing to share a platform with Mr Griffin, despite having shared platforms with IRA terrorists such as Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness! The extreme-left promised, and delivered, a violent response, but to its credit the BBC was willing to stand-by its decision and of course the programme went ahead.



Predictably, the extreme-left, headed by *Unite Against Fascism* held a demonstration outside the studios which eventually turned into a near riot. Over 1000 anti-democrats used every tactic to prevent the programme, including blocking the approach to the building and even invading the studios. Three police officers were attacked and injured and six demonstrators arrested. On his way into the building Nick Griffin was asked what he expected, and replied, "some political rough and tumble," he certainly got that!

The BBC had staged managed the event with an audience primed to ask "provocative" questions and a panel united in their efforts to attack Griffin. So effective was this planning that the BNP leader was under attack from both audience and panel throughout the programme. But in many ways the tactic backfired. Almost every question was directed at Mr Griffin,

resulting in him clearly dominating the show. In fact, one national newspaper and the former head of the Church of England, George Carey condemned the BBC for producing the "Nick Griffin show".

What he said ...

In my view Mr Griffin handled most questions effectively. I was however dismayed with his constant reference to "the indigenous people" and the "Ice age" when he clearly needed to reply "WHITE" After all, the BNP is supported by white voters looking for the survival of our WHITE identity! His declared support of Israel and its genocidal policies towards the Palestinian people in their Homeland was I thought, disgusting. If Nick Griffin thinks this type of comment will win over the hostility of organised Jewry to him and the BNP then I think he is dreaming! However, his attack on the war record of Jack Straw's father, compared to that of his own father, was a masterstroke that left the Labour Minister dumbstruck.

Overall, I thought Mr Griffin handled the attacks extremely well. Normally he is used to addressing BNP supporters, "preaching to the converted". Now, for the first time he was under a constant barrage of hostile questions on subjects as varied as Islam, immigration, homosexuality and predictably, the Holocaust. Fellow panel members told the media after the show that Griffin was nervous, sweating and shaking. I must confess, I saw none of that. If anything, his constant chuckling at every question seemed a bit spooky! Whether or not the BBC made a mistake by turning Nick Griffin into a "victim" will only tell at the next General Election. Let's hope they have!



Lookback at History

1939: WAR IS DECLARED BUT MOSLEY FIGHTS ON

With more British troops being readied to go to fight in Afghanistan in a war that is of no interest to Britain, we continue to remind our readers how seventy years ago, Sir Oswald Mosley and his Blackshirts continued the fight for peace, even after war against Germany had formally been declared.

Just one week before the declaration of war Mosley spoke to the largest street meeting ever held in Britain, at Ridley Road, Dalston, East London.



East Londoners listen to Mosley's message of peace at Ridley Road, Dalston

Three days later, an estimated 100,000 people heard Mosley speak for peace at a street meeting near Leicester Square in Central London.

Following the declaration of war on the 3rd of September, Mosley personally briefed BUF District leaders on the BUF's position, and its continuing campaign for peace. Ironically, two Blackshirts serving in the RAF had already been killed by the time Mosley had briefed his colleagues. On the 4th of September, just a day after war had been declared, Air-gunners Kenneth Day and George Brocking, took part in an attack on two German battleships moored at Brunsbittel, at the mouth of the Kiel canal. Six Wellington bombers left their base in Suffolk, and two never returned. They were the first two British casualties of the War, a War they had fought to prevent!

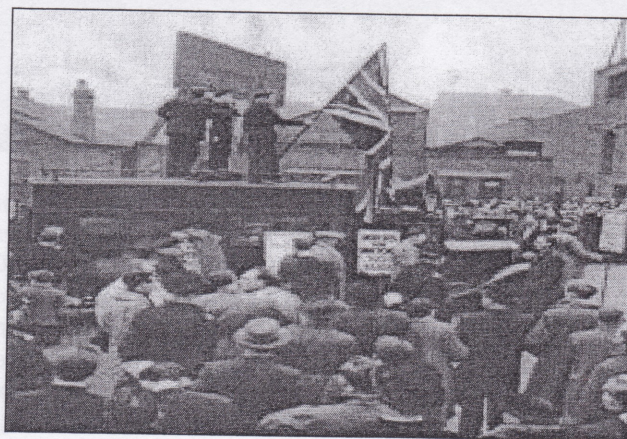
While the British government's propaganda campaign was designed to convince the world that Britons were prepared to fight and die for German provinces on Polish territory, the British people still flocked to meetings to hear Mosley's message of peace.

In January 1940, Mosley published his proposals for "Peace with Honour" in a booklet, **"The British Peace: How to get it"**.

Within four days it sold 20,000 copies and sales reached the 100,000 mark by the Spring.

In Manchester, local BUF peace campaigners interrupted a broadcast by Churchill, and in Poole, Dorset, the local BUF women's section leader, Flo Hayes, carried the vote for peace in a well publicised debate.

The mainstream press had joined the warmongers side and gave Mosley little or no publicity; therefore street meetings became Mosley's primary means of getting his message out to the British public.



Street meetings were held throughout Britain

In February 1940, Mosley spoke at 47 street meetings in just four weeks, and this increased to over 130 in April. Street meetings had to be held during daylight hours as the "blackout" was in place after dark. The organisation of these meetings was remarkable in itself, as many of the BUF's active members and staff had been called-up and were serving in our armed forces.



War Is Declared but MOSLEY FIGHTS ON

Continued ...



Mosley Campaigns for Peace

Despite the massive support at street meetings, BUF did not attract the voters in the three parliamentary by-elections held in early 1940. Furthermore, many young BUF activists were now in the armed forces, honouring the pledge made by Mosley ... ***"If any country in the world attacks Britain or threatens to attack Britain, then every single member of British Union would fight for Britain!"***

Fortunately, the BUF had a superbly organised women's section who took on much of the movement's workload. The formidable Olive Hawks, launched a "Women's Peace Campaign" with a public meeting in Central London. The meeting was stewarded and addressed entirely by women!

May Day 1940 saw the last great offensive by BUF to gain "Peace with Honour".

One week before May Day "Action" sales teams congregated in London's West End and achieved record sales.

On May Day itself, Sunday May 5th, seventeen street meetings started simultaneously at 11.30 am, in various parts of London. In the afternoon, at 3.30pm four rallies were held. Later, in the evening, Victoria Park Square, in Bethnal Green was packed to suffocation as the crowd listened to Mosley demand the resignation of the warmongering government! His speech was held up for long periods by thunderous cheering and applause.



Mosley Loved Addressing Street Meetings

"Peace now before a million lives are lost in this alien quarrel. Peace, not on Hitler's terms, but by trusting in the might of Britain, a Peace with Honour!"

British Union rallies were being held in Birmingham and Nottingham, also with large audiences attending.

Sadly, the government didn't listen and the war continued, but the war mongers demanded their revenge against the small band of brothers and sisters, who had fought so hard for peace. The police arbitrarily closed meetings down and speakers were arrested. A few weeks later British Union was declared a proscribed organisation and Mosley and eighty senior party officers were arrested. The infamous "Defence Regulation 18b" was introduced, starting one of the darkest periods for British "justice". But that is another story!

The last issue of "Action" magazine on June 6th 1940 summed the situation up in just a few words ... ***"Our conscience is clear. Be calm and determined. Be loyal. Be true Britons!"***

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OVERSEAS NEWS

BNP to Join European Alliance



Brussels

The British National Party has announced that they are to join the *Alliance of European National Movements*, operating in the European Parliament.

The AENM was formed in Budapest, Hungary, in October 2009 by several nationalist groups including, *The Movement for a Better Hungary (Jobbik) Front National* from France, Italy's *Fiamma Tricolore*, Sweden's *Nationaldemokraterna* and the Belgian *National Front*.

The joint leaders of the new group are Bruno Golinisch of the French, *Front National* and Balczó Zoltan of *Jobbik*.



Hungarian Nationalists *Jobbik* on the March

It is the Alliance's declared intention to form an European political party, which would attract massive new funding from the European Union. The new group hopes to gather more support from nationalist parties represented in the European Parliament from Austria, Spain, Portugal and the Ukraine.

Switzerland

Swiss Vote to Ban Minarets

Swiss voters have backed a proposal by the *Schweizerische Volkspartei* (Swiss Peoples Party) (SVP) to ban the building of minarets on mosques. Despite government opposition to the ban, 1.5 million voters in 22 of the 26 voting districts voted to outlaw minarets in Switzerland.

A spokesman for the SVP said "we are enormously happy.

It is a victory for our people and our country. The minaret has become a symbol of political Islam and we just want to stop further Islamisation in Switzerland".

The country has a Muslim population of approximately 400,000 and hundreds of mosques.



Italy Next?

Italy could be the next European country to ban minarets. One of the leaders of Italy's patriotic, *Lega Nord* party

(Northern League) is calling for a referendum on the subject. Roberto Calderoli, warns that both Italy and the rest of Europe are in danger of "losing touch with their Christian identities", and Italy needs publicly to

"reaffirm its Roman Catholic roots".





OVERSEAS NEWS



Germany

Catholic Bishop Faces Trial Over Holocaust Denial

The British-born Catholic Bishop Richard Williamson is to appeal against a fine of £12,000 imposed by a German court for Holocaust Denial.



Bishop Richard Williamson

Bishop Williamson gave an interview last January to a Swedish television company during which he disputed the authorised version of the Holocaust. The German authorities decided to persecute him because the interview took place on German soil and because it was broadcast in Germany as well as Sweden. It is unlikely that Bishop Williamson will attend the court appeal voluntarily and may have to be extradited from Britain.

Canada

White South African Given Asylum

The granting of asylum to a White South African man by a Canadian Immigration Tribunal has caused a diplomatic incident between Canada and South Africa. Brandon Huntley, a citizen of South Africa told the Canadian Immigration tribunal that his life was in danger because he was White. He claimed that he had been assaulted several times by Blacks who called him "a White dog" and a "Settler". In granting him asylum, the Immigration chairman said "the South African

government were either unwilling or unable to protect White South Africans".

Denmark

Voluntary Repatriation Grants Offered

The Danish government is offering 100,000 Danish Kroner (£12,000) to Third-World Immigrants who wish to return home. The move, led by the *Dansk Folkeparti* (Danish Peoples Party) which is a partner in the coalition government, offers the money to immigrants willing to leave Denmark forever and is dependant on immigrants handing back their Danish residency permits.



Spain

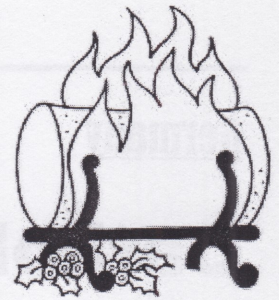
Historical Revision Continues in Spain

The Mayor of the Spanish city of Guadalajara is the latest combatant in the battle to stop the extreme-left Spanish government "airbrushing" all references to the nationalist regime of General Francisco Franco (pictured right). The government has ordered the mayor, Antonio Roman, to change the names of four streets in the city named after nationalist heroes of the Spanish Civil War. The mayor has refused, claiming all of the men who the streets are named after were local men who fought heroically for the nationalist cause and deserve to be honoured.





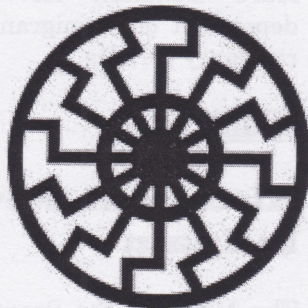
The Origins of Winter Solstice and the Yule



It's that time of year again when we all start cozying up in front of the fire and looking forward to the festive season. Yes, it makes your heart warm in the cold winter months to see the twinkling lights and children's happy faces as we lead up to the Yule. Yet, unbelievable, there are so many folks out there who are not aware of the true origins of one of our most important festivals, Winter Solstice and the Yule.

The Winter Solstice falls on the shortest day of the year (21st December) and was celebrated in Britain long before the arrival of Christianity. The Druids (Celtic priests) would cut the mistletoe that grew on the oak tree and give it as a blessing. Oaks were seen as sacred and the winter fruit of the mistletoe was a symbol of life in the dark winter months. It was also the Druids who began the tradition of the Yule log. The Celts thought that the sun stood still for twelve days in the middle of winter and during this time a log was lit to conquer the darkness, banish evil spirits and bring luck for the coming year.

Ancient people were hunters and spent most of their time outdoors. The seasons and weather played a very important part in their lives. Because of this many ancient people had a great reverence for, and even worshipped the sun. The Norsemen of Northern Europe saw the sun as a wheel that changed the seasons. It was from the word for this wheel, *Jul* or *houl*, that the word Yule is thought to have come. At mid-winter the Norsemen lit bonfires, told stories and drank sweet ale. Indeed, Winter Solstice has been celebrated for thousands of years. This start of the solar year is a celebration of Light and the rebirth of the Sun.



The ancient Romans also held a festival to celebrate the rebirth of the year. Saturnalia ran for seven days from the 17th of December. It was a time when the ordinary rules were turned upside down. The festival involved decorating decorated houses with greenery, lighting candles, holding processions and giving presents. When Neblung (November), the month of the dead, has passed, the time of Yuletide is starting, with its knowledge of the rising of the sun from its sleep, of the renewal after the wintry death, of the birth of light from the darkness of the long nights. The old experiences of our ancestors are very strong and vivid in us and we still feel that Yuletide is the greatest

celebration of our year. Therefore we make every effort to celebrate it in style with our family.

Today, many people in Western-based cultures refer to this holiday as "Christmas." Yet a look into the origins of Christmas reveals its Pagan roots. Emperor Aurelian established December 25 as the birthday of the "Invincible Sun" in the third century as part of the Roman Winter Solstice celebrations. Shortly thereafter, in 273, the Christian church selected this day to represent the birthday of Jesus, and by 336, this Roman solar feast day was Christianized. January 6, celebrated as Epiphany in Christendom and linked with the visit of the Magi, was originally an Egyptian date for the Winter Solstice.

Most of the customs, lore, symbols, and rituals associated with "Christmas" actually are linked to Winter Solstice celebrations of ancient Pagan cultures. While Christian mythology is interwoven with contemporary observances of this holiday time, its Pagan nature is still strong and apparent. Pagans today can readily re-Paganise Christmastime and the secular New Year by giving a Pagan spiritual focus to existing holiday customs and by creating new traditions that draw on ancient ways.

Firstly you have to look at the whole of this festive time. It used to last from the 6th day of Jul (December), which was Wotan's Day and is now St. Nikolaus's Day, to the 6th day of Hornung (January), which was the old Frigga Day and is now Epiphany, with the main celebration at Midwinter Night, the night of 21st of Jul, when all the mountain tops would have been alight with fires.

We have become accustomed to some alterations to this timetable. The preparation time, Advent, now lasts from the first Sunday in Jul to the 24th of Jul. Advent contains 4 Jul Sundays, Wotan's Day (6th), and the Winter Solstice (21st). The Twelve Sacred Days of the season start with Yuletide Night on Jul 24th and end on Frigga Day on Hornung 6th. These 12 days are filled with special celebrations, especially on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.



The Origins of Winter Solstice

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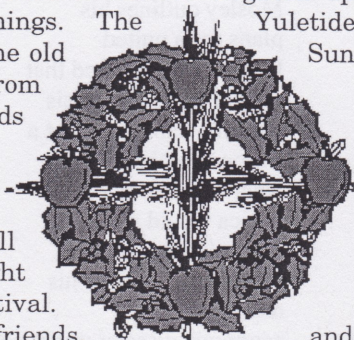
It is very spiritually appealing to celebrate Yule with a series of rituals, feasts, and other activities. In most ancient cultures, the celebration lasted more than a day. The ancient Roman Saturnalia festival sometimes went on for a week. Have Winter Solstice Eve and Day be the central focus for your household, and conceptualize other holiday festivities, including New Year's office parties and Christmas visits with Christian relatives, as part of your Solstice celebration; view "Christmas" as just another form of Solstice. Have gift exchanges and feasts over the course of several days and nights as was done of old. Party hearty on New Year's Eve; not just to welcome in the new calendar year, but also to welcome the new solar year. Adorn the home with sacred herbs and colours. Decorate your home in Druidic holiday colours red, green, and white. Place holly, ivy, evergreen boughs, and pine cones around your home, especially in areas where socializing takes place. Hang a sprig of mistletoe above a major threshold and leave it there until next Yule as a charm for good luck throughout the year. Have family/household members join together to make or purchase an evergreen wreath. Include holiday herbs in it and then place it on your front door to symbolize the continuity of life and the wheel of the year. If you choose to have a living or a harvested evergreen tree as part of your holiday decorations, call it a Solstice tree and decorate it with Pagan symbols.

The Jul (Yule) Wreath

On the first Jul Sunday the Jul Wreath is hung up in the living room. Its fir branches fill the house with pre Yuletide smells, its red ribbons awaken the joy for the coming celebrations, and its red candles brighten up the dark winter evenings. The Yuletide Wreath is equivalent to the old Sun Wheel, and as it is made from living greenery it reminds us of the old Tree Of Life.

Once we have made these connections we will surely make the right preparations for the festival.

Convey love to family, friends, and associates. At the heart of Saturnalia was the custom of family and friends feasting together and exchanging presents. Continue this custom by visiting,



entertaining, giving gifts, and sending greetings by mail and/or phone. Consider those who are and/or have been important in your life and share appreciation. Reclaim Santa Claus as a Pagan Godform. Today's Santa is a folk figure with multicultural roots. He embodies characteristics of Saturn (Roman agricultural god), Cronos (Greek god, also known as Father Time), the Holly King (Celtic god of the dying year), Father Ice/Grandfather Frost (Russian winter god), Thor (Norse sky god who rides the sky in a chariot drawn by goats), Odin/Wotan (Scandinavian/Teutonic All-Father who rides the sky on an eight-legged horse), Frey (Norse fertility god), and the Tomte (a Norse Land Spirit known for giving gifts to children at this time of year). Santa's reindeer can be viewed as forms of Herne, the Celtic Horned God. Decorate your home with Santa images that reflect His Pagan heritage.

Honour the new solar year with light; welcome the birth of the sun by lighting candles and singing chants and Pagan carols. If

you have a indoor fireplace or an outdoor fire circle, burn an oak log as a Yule log and save a bit to start next year's fire. Decorate the inside and/or outside of your home with electric coloured lights. Because of the popularity of five

pointed stars as holiday symbols, this is a good time to display a pentagram of blue or white lights.



Contribute to the manifestation of more wellness on Planet Earth. Donate food and clothing to poor in your area. Put up bird feeders and keep them filled throughout the winter to supplement the diets of wild birds. Make a pledge to do some form of good works in the new solar year. Many of these customs are still followed today, although obviously being incorporated into the Christian and secular celebrations of Christmas.

However you chose to celebrate, here's wishing you a most enjoyable Winter Solstice and the Yule!





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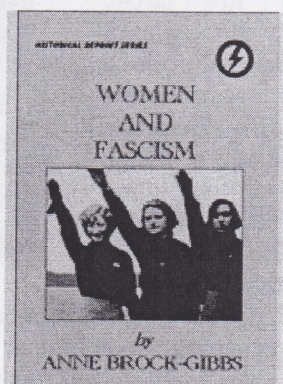
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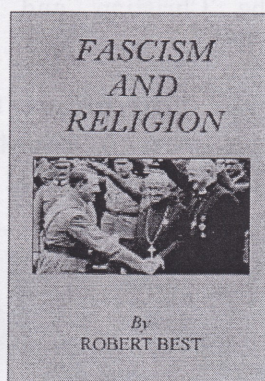
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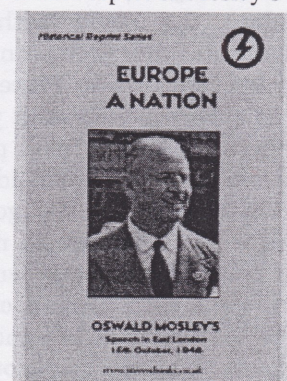
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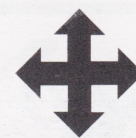
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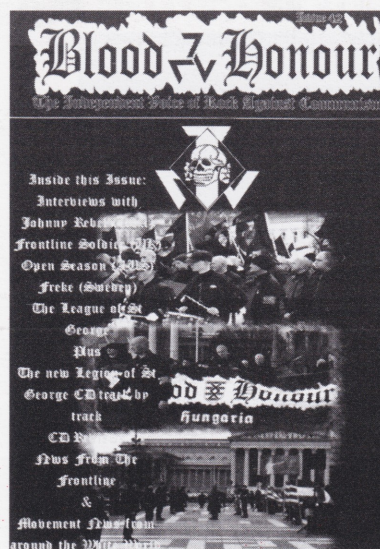


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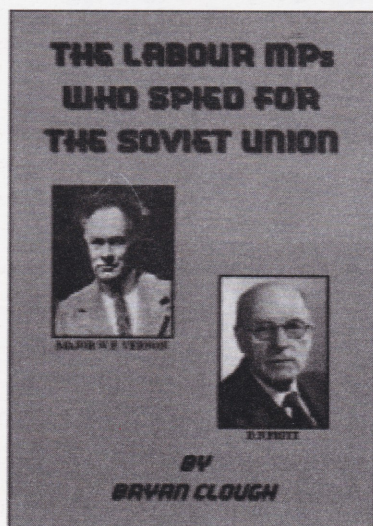
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